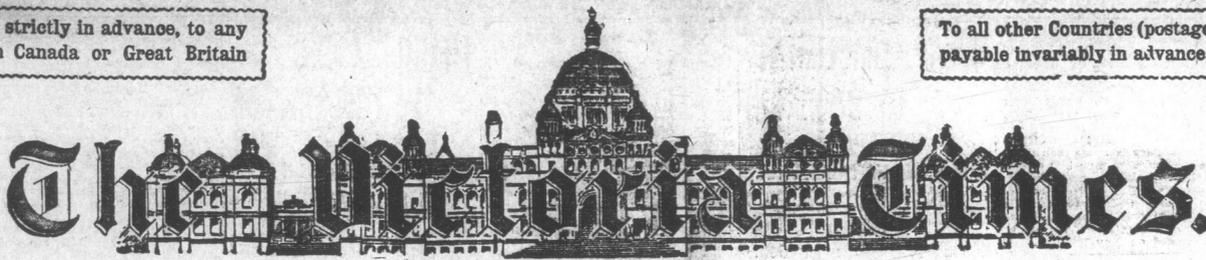


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THROUGH ROCK
G. T. F. CHANGES PLANS
AT TERMINAL END
"Through Cut" in Bluffs to Be
Made—Townsite's Water
Supply.

Prince Rupert, B. C., May 3.—Since the arrival of C. C. (Tom) Arnold, divisional engineer, Grand Trunk Pacific, from Edmonton, several alterations have been made in the plans for construction of the road, which will materially affect Ross & Carlson's sub-contract for the first mile south from the wharf. When this contract was let the intention was to cut the first bluff, which contains about 75,000 cubic yards of rock, "clean through" to daylight, that is, remove the whole bluff from track-level on the face, and back to the south line on the right-of-way, leaving a clear open space for terminal tracks. Had this been done, Ross & Carlson could have had at least 200 men working drilling holes along the face of this big bluff alone, but now that a "through cut," a passage through the rock wide enough to take one track, has been decided upon, it will be much slower work, as the drilling can only be done at both ends, the gangs working towards each other. Considerably less than half the amount of rock will be taken out and it will be much more expensive to handle, but the contractors are bound to complete the work.

The second bluff, estimated to contain 60,000 cubic yards of rock will be treated likewise. Just why these alterations in the plans were made, cannot be ascertained, but presumably to curtail the actual expense of building the line through to the coast, and allow the balance of the work to be shown under the head of "terminal expenditures," to which no doubt it rightfully belongs. As the contractors are paid so much for each yard of rock removed, the change will mean a saving in outlay on the engineering account of at least \$100,000 on these two bluffs, and the final clearing away of the remaining rock can be done at any time without interference to traffic.

For Construction Work.
The tug Florence got away early Thursday morning with two scoops loaded with lumber and construction material for Contractor McTush's camps at Inverness, about twelve miles south of Prince Rupert.
Will Settle on Townsite.
Geo. R. Naden, M. P., of Greenwood, B. C., came up on the Camoos and will make his home here. He has secured a site for an office, and will open up in the real estate and insurance business.

Water Supply.
In November last the Grand Trunk Pacific installed a water system here, bringing the supply from a dam on Hay's creek on the mountain side, a mile and a half distant, and 300 feet above the town. The supply is quite sufficient to meet the requirements of the town at present, but when the place has a population of 5,000 inhabitants it will be totally inadequate. The upper and lower Shawatinas lakes, two of the finest fresh water lakes on the coast, five miles distant from the town, will be the natural source of supply, and it is to these lakes that the future city must look for its water; but how it appears that a record of 3,000 inches of water from the upper and 5,000 miner's inches from the lower Shawatinas lake has been granted to a company incorporated on June 30th, 1906, and known as the "Prince Rupert Power & Light Company, Ltd.," thus cutting off the water supply of the city, unless they buy it from the above company at their own terms. A largely signed petition from the business men and residents of Prince Rupert has been forwarded to the government, protesting against the granting of such a monopoly, which will no doubt retard the growth, and hinder the progress of a city so handicapped for one of its greatest necessities.

Model Bunkhouse.
The large building fronting on Center street, heretofore used for storing dry lumber, has been leased by Major George Gibson on the Grand Trunk Pacific. It will be completely renovated, and turned into a "model bunkhouse," capable of accommodating 300 men.

DEATHS IN HAWAIIAN FOREST.
Victim of Exposure Stated to Be Sister of Lord Roberts' Wife.
Honolulu, May 7.—Mrs. L. Snow Miller, who it is stated, is a sister of Lord Roberts' wife, was found dead on a forest trail at Kona, Hawaii. It is believed she lost her way while walking and died of exposure.

ARRIVES IN NEW YORK.
New York, May 7.—Sir Wm. Van Horne, chairman of the Board of Directors of the C. P. R. Company, arrived from Havana yesterday on the steamer Havana.

KHYBER PASS FIGHT.
Sixty Afghans Reported to Have Fallen Before British Guns.
London, May 7.—Sixty Afghans were killed in the fighting which took place between a large Afghan force and the British troops last Saturday at a point in Khyber Pass near Landi-Khotal, according to a dispatch sent in by a correspondent with the British column.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.
Governor Johnson Carries Democratic Primaries in Minnesota.
St. Paul, Minn., May 7.—Returns received from all parts of Minnesota up to midnight indicate that Governor Johnson last night carried the Democratic primaries against Wm. J. Bryan and that the state convention which will meet in St. Paul on May 14th will instruct the twenty-two delegates from Minnesota to the national convention to vote for Governor Johnson for the presidential nomination.

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Rescue of 100 People Accomplished in New York
Blaze.
New York, May 7.—Four persons were killed and twelve injured early to-day in a fire believed to be of incendiary origin. The fire practically destroyed the five-story tenement house at 191 Orchard street. This building is within a stone's throw of Delaney and Allen streets, where twenty-six persons were burned to death in a tenement house fire three years ago.

CITIZENS VOTE
FOR ELECTRIC LIGHTING
Ladysmith at Last Comes to a
Sense of Her
Needs.
Ladysmith, May 6.—The town "is to have an electric lighting system. The question of light and darkness has been since the city was incorporated. The fact that on previous occasions the proposition has been turned down, however, has not deterred the citizens, and the greatest bar to any real progress in the town. The citizens themselves had no faith in its stability and here today and gone to-morrow has been the policy-guiding and determining all their action.

BRITAIN'S CRUSADE
AGAINST OPIUM
Commons Adopt Resolution to
Abolish System of Licens-
ing Dens in Colonies.
London, May 7.—The House of Commons last night unanimously adopted a resolution urging that steps be taken for the speedy abolition of the system of licensing opium dens in the colonies, particularly in Hongkong, the Straits Settlements and Ceylon.

WILL RESTRICT ISSUE
ON BOXING PERMITS
Only Reputable Local Clubs
Will Be Allowed to Give
Exhibitions
Tuesday night's boxing fiasco, under the auspices of the Provincial Athletic Club, has resulted in a decision on the part of the police commissioners that no more boxing contests will be permitted in the city except under the auspices of reputable athletic clubs, such as the James Bay and Victoria West Athletic Associations.

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Ottawa, May 7.—During the present season the authority of the Northwest Mounted Police will be extended as far north as a line drawn from Great Slave lake to Chesterfield Inlet, on Hudson's Bay, and as a preliminary step in the matter, Inspector Pelletier will set out from Edmonton during the summer months on a trip of 2,400 miles, the greater part of which has to be made by canoe.

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DEALERS OBJECT TO
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Affect Them and Would
Work No Good.
(From Thursday's Daily.)
Ald. Gleason's by-law providing for the closing of cigar and fruit stores and other such places of business, including drug stores, except for the sale of medicines and drugs, on Sundays, is being generally discussed and is meeting with outspoken opposition amongst many of the dealers affected, who will likely place their views before the council. It is felt that to close such places on Sundays would work an unnecessary hardship on a number of people in business in the city by going away and would also work an inconvenience to the general public, to say nothing of the large crowds of visitors from across the line who are used to finding such places open on Sundays.

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(From Thursday's Daily.)
To-day the C. P. R. announced a change in the schedule which the Princess Victoria will adhere to on the Seattle run when she resumes on Saturday. Instead of leaving here at the same time as the Chippewa, the opposition steamship, the Victoria will leave an hour later, at 5.30 p.m. It is expected, although not promised by the local coast service, that the crack flyer will make Seattle about the same time as her rival, no effort being spared to demonstrate her superior speed. The first trip from this port will be made on Saturday, and the Victoria will leave Seattle the following morning at 9 a.m., following this schedule daily.

THE PRINCESS BEATRICE, which has maintained an admirable service with Seattle during the winter since the Royal was transferred to the Vancouver run, will make her last trip on the daylight run to the Sound, leaving here on Friday morning at the usual time, 8.30 a.m. On her return, Saturday morning, she will be withdrawn.

On Friday the Princess Victoria will make the run to Vancouver in her place, leaving at 1 p.m. and returning the next day to take up the Seattle sailing.

While there are no immediate signs of a settlement in the rate war between the C. P. R. and the Sound steamship combine on the Seattle route, shipping men believe that it cannot last for long.

A dispatch from the Sound city says: "J. B. Fowles, chairman of the merchants' committee, seeking to end the rate war between the C. P. R. and the Inland Navigation Company on the Seattle-Victoria run, last night announced unofficially that the hostile attitude of the company resulted in no agreement."

The merchants' committee is this afternoon meeting with the trustees of the merchants' association at Seattle to report on yesterday's conference, and it is hoped that further steps will be taken toward a termination of what promises to be a profitless struggle.

HOTEL IS GUTTED.
Flames Fanned by Terrific Gale
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New London.
New London, Conn., May 7.—The Pequot house, situated at the mouth of the harbor, was destroyed by fire which started early this morning. A terrific easterly gale was blowing at the time and fourteen other buildings in the Pequot colony took fire, but were saved by the fire department.

The old hotel, built over half a century ago, and was one of the most prominent summer places on the coast. It was owned by the Pequot Hotel Association, of which Senator Brandage is the president.

The amount of the loss has not yet been ascertained. The structure was of wood. The fire was probably of incendiary origin.

RAILWAY CROSSING ACCIDENTS.
Montreal, May 7.—Two young girls were struck by an engine on a railroad crossing in St. Henri ward as they were returning home from work. Flora Minton, 17 years old, is in the Western hospital with her left arm amputated early this morning, and Eva Page, 16 years old, is in the same institution severely injured.

MORTALLY WOUNDED.
Snipers Reported to Have Killed Major
Copesmith in Indian Frontier
War.
London, May 7.—A dispatch received from Landi Kotal says that it is reported that Major Copesmith, commanding the British Camel corps while seeking with a mounted escort to recover stolen animals was mortally wounded by snipers before reaching the camp.

BANKERS ON TRIAL.
New York, May 6.—The trials of Chas. W. Morse, C. Curtis and F. Augustus Haines, on charges growing out of their conduct of New York banks, will begin in June, according to an announcement by United States District Attorney Stimson. All three were arraigned in court yesterday, and pleaded not guilty to the indictments against them.

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